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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the Subcommittee on Exploitation of
Foreign Language Publications

SUBJECT: Exploitation of the Soviet Press

1. You will recall our discussion last November of a proposed contract involving exploitation of the Soviet press to carry on after the discontinuance of the Joint Press Reading Service in Moscow at the end of 1956.

2. Since that meeting a contract was arranged by the State Department which resulted in the production of the what is known as Selections from the Soviet Press.

3. The contract [] for production of the Selections from the Soviet Press will now expire at the end of September this year.

4. As you know, there exists at the present time several products resulting from the exploitation of the Soviet press. There is the Soviet Daily Review of the Soviet Press, an excellent review produced by the Soviets themselves in Moscow and available by subscription. There is the Current Digest of the Soviet Press produced in New York under auspices of the Joint Committee on Slavic Studies. Production is primarily designed for academic circles. Finally, there is FDD's Survey of the Soviet Press which has been recently started to fill the gaps and point up items of specific intelligence interest not covered elsewhere.

5. At this point, I would like to place this subject on the agenda for the next Exploitation Subcommittee meeting on 26 July and request that you review the above with your associates so that at the next meeting we can effectively determine whether there are any further outstanding requirements for information from the Soviet press which are not met by existing services other than the Selections from the Soviet Press.

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